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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is desired to bring to the attention of the Examiner the identity of a related U.S. patent application recently filed that contains claims directed to subject matter similar to the claims in the present application. Specifically, the related application is Serial No. 10/395,162 filed March 25, 2003.

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The related application no. 10/395,162 names the same inventor as the present application and is co-owned by the assignee of the present application at the time the inventions were made.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, no item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual as stated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

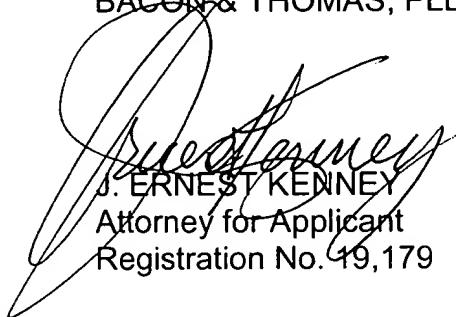
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It is respectfully submitted that no fee is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement but in the event that such fee is required, the Examiner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

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